

World Service Business Conference 2025
"To Carry the Message Is Our Primary Purpose"

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Highlights summarized from the reports of three delegates to this year's convention.

Statistics

WSBC 7th Tradition contribution \$12,400 US dollars.

Total Number of Green Dots (New Delegates): 52.

Total Number of Eligible Voters: 199

Total Number of Countries Represented: 27

Countries Represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States, Wales

Total Number of Languages Represented: 17

Languages Represented: Danish, Dutch, English, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Welsh

New/Revised Manuscripts Approved.

- Just for Today wallet card (#410)
- To the Man Who Wants to Stop Eating Compulsively Welcome (#290)
- Sponsorship in OA: Guiding Others in Recovery, a new pamphlet that will replace A Guide for Sponsors (#200) and Sponsoring through the Twelve Steps (#220)

Expected them to be available later in 2025 in OA bookstore after printing

Changes / Decisions on Agenda Items

- **Proposal Item: A** - Amend WSBC Policy 2010d, by changing the name of a World Service Business Conference committee from “Young People’s Committee” to “Young Adults Committee.”(XXX Y, XX N) **Main Motion Adopted (144 Y, 36 N)**
- **Proposal Item: B** - Amend WSBC Policy 1992a, in OA's "Unity with Diversity" paragraph 3, by adding the statement, “For example, this means we do not try to convince any member or visitor to adopt a belief in God.” **Amendment to Main Motion Adopted (131 Y, 49 N)**
- **Proposal Item: C** - Amend WSBC Policy 2018b by striking specific references to no opinion on "bariatric (weight loss) surgery" and adding a more general reference to no opinion on “surgical or other" medically recommended methods of weight management. **Amendment to Main Motion Adopted (167 Y, 6 N)**

Proposal 1 ADOPTED (10 regions, 1 virtual, 9 geographic)

Proposal 2: Failed (24 Yes, 146 No) (Adding qualifications to trustee applications) More questions for the Trustee application is suggested. It is asking Trustee nominees to State two specific ideas in writing to improve the health and long term survival of the fellowship.

Proposal 3 ADOPTED (Yes 131, No 49)

The Board of Trustees shall consist of **sixteen** trustees. Whenever possible, a minimum of two trustees shall come from outside of North America.

Proposal 4 Failed (97 yes, 77 no) 2/3 vote required to pass

Moved to amend bylaws Subpart B Article XII

Amendments to Article I (Twelve Steps) and Article II (Twelve Traditions) of Subpart B of these bylaws may only be adopted if, in addition to d) above, they are ratified by three-fourths of the registered Overeaters Anonymous groups responding within six months of notification, (striking: provided at least 55 percent of the registered groups have responded.)

Proposal 5 Failed (87 yes 83 no)- 2/3's vote required to pass

This proposal would change the bylaws, Steps and Traditions to change the words: his/he to God.

Proposal 6 Failed (46 yes, 128 no)

Moved to make the conference virtually every year.

Proposal 7 ADOPTED (allows non delegates to address conference)

Proposal 8 ADOPTED (allows electronic transmission of notices of conference and meetings)

Proposal 9 ADOPTED (143 Yes 24 No)

Moved to all the Trustees to go to the Board of Trustees for affirmation rather than to their Region.

Proposal 10: ADOPTED (158 yes, 6 No) Groups that choose not to affiliate with an IG or national service board may choose to affiliate with the geographic region where the group exists or the Virtual Region.

Standing Rules Adopted

Rule 8 Recognition and Debate Adopted

- A) Three minutes will be allowed to caucus before voting on motions.

Rule 2 General and Communications (**Adopted 139 yes, 40 no**)

- A) Delegates shall utilize the Zoom interpretation feature found on the toolbar or where there are three dots. It often appears in the form of a globe. This Conference is being simultaneously translated into Spanish in order for an English-speaking delegate to hear a Spanish-speaking member who chooses to utilize the interpreter at the World Service Business Conference. English listeners must enable interpretation and listen in English. This enables Spanish-speaking delegates an equal right to participation.
- B) .
- C) **Adopted 105 yes, 78 no**) No photographs (including screen shots) are allowed. Only screen shots of posted information will be allowed (no screen shots of people or personal information).
No recording will be done except by support staff for minutes purposes. Main motions, or the pertinent part of main motions, amendments, and other documents currently before the assembly, shall be displayed to the extent possible

Workshops and Other Recordings Available

Workshops recorded: Available Resources to Carry the Message Including the Use of Social Media, Living the Principles to Carry the Message

Inside OA Center Mike podcast link

<https://oa.org/news/new-inside-oa-podcast-center-mic-monitor/>

WSBC Requests To Groups

World Service Requests Service Bodies to encourage groups to have the correct contact information

Interested in becoming an OA trustee?-.

<https://oa.org/documents/2025-trustee-vacancy-announcement-and-call-for-applications/>

Background Information for Conference

Proposed New Business Motions: [LINK](#)

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2025/01/03103731/new-business-motions-wsbc-2025.pdf>

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Subpart B: [LINK](#)

<https://media.oa.org/app/uploads/2025/01/03104347/bylaws-amendments-wsbc-2025.pdf>

OA, Inc. (OA world service) is governed by three primary documents. Here are links on oa.org containing the most current documents before the 2025 WSBC. (OA, Inc., staff will update revised documents incorporating Adopted Proposals at the WSBC 2025 soon.)

World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous, Business Conference Policy Manual: [LINK](#) Revised May 2024

<https://oa.org/oa-bylaws-and-policies/business-conference-policy-manual/>

Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., Bylaws, Subpart A — Corporate Organization: [LINK](#) Revised March 2025

<https://oa.org/oa-bylaws-and-policies/bylaws-subpart-a-corporate-organization/>

Overeaters Anonymous, Inc., Bylaws, Subpart B — Members: [LINK](#) Revised July 2024

<https://oa.org/oa-bylaws-and-policies/bylaws-subpart-b/>

